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WOLVERINE AND THE PUNISHER

#2 OF 3

damaging evidence

the Punisher & Wolverine in DAMAGING EVIDENCE PART 2 OF 3

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THESE EVENTS TOOK PLACE PRIOR TO UNCANNY X-MEN #248-#281 AND DAREDEVIL #296-#300

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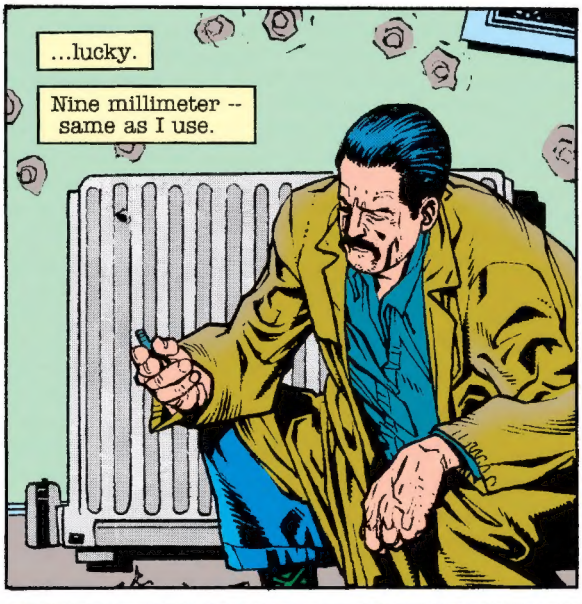
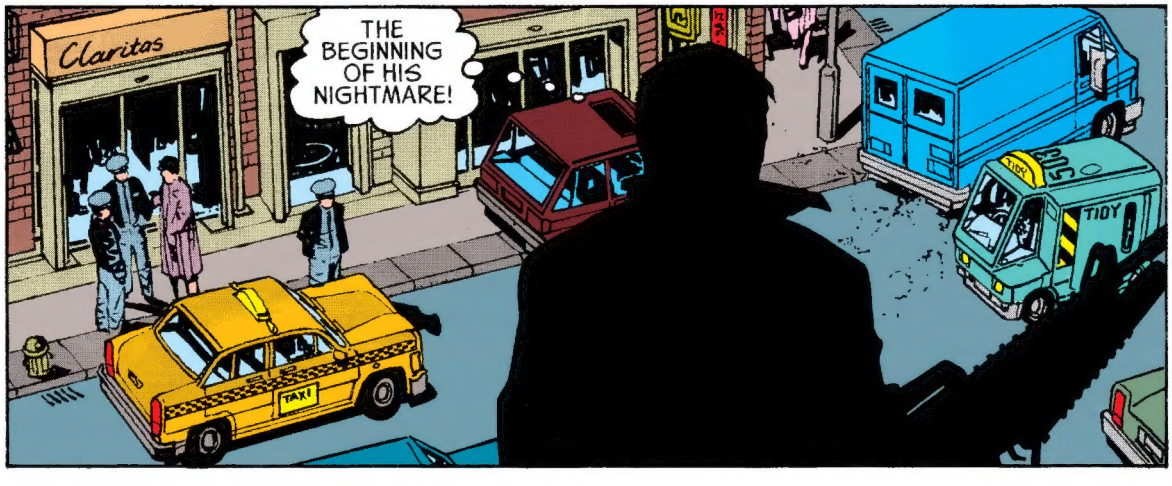
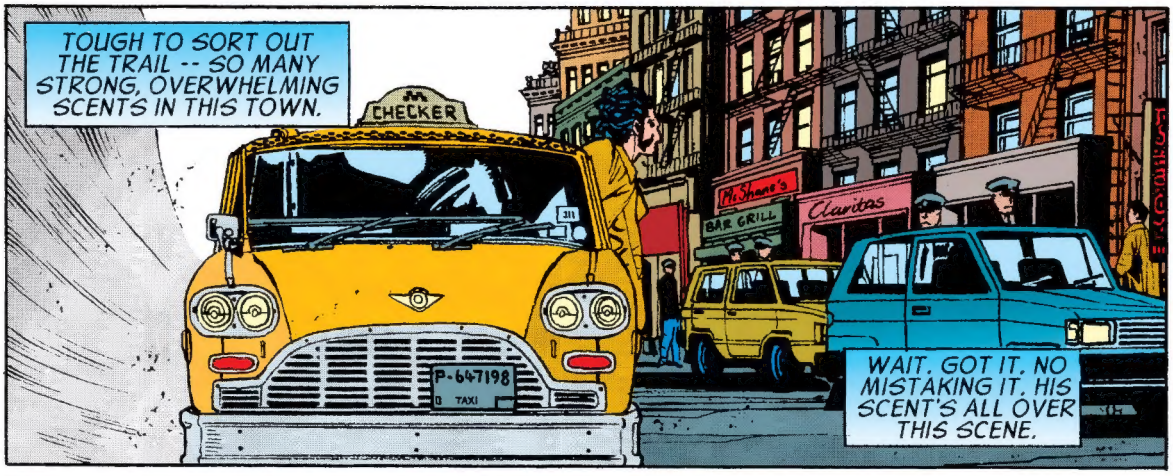
Never been here before.
DETECTIVE FORT.
IN YA GO.
POLICE DO NOT CROSS

Investigators probably removed any evidence already. Maybe I'll get...


...lucky.
Nine millimeter -- same as I use.

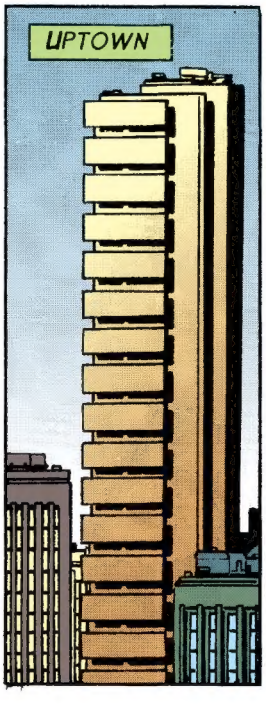
Same as half the hoods in town use.


Claritas
THE BEGINNING OF HIS NIGHTMARE!
TAXI
TIDY

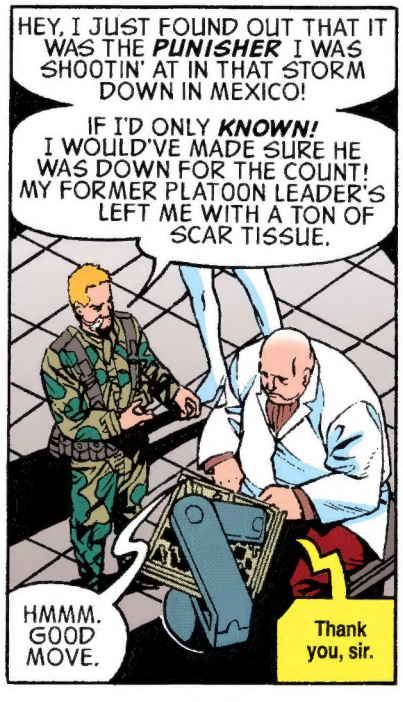

TOUGH TO SORT OUT THE TRAIL -- SO MANY STRONG, OVERWHELMING SCENTS IN THIS TOWN.
CHECKER
P-647198
TAXI
McShane's
BAR GRILL
Claritas
WAIT. GOT IT. NO MISTAKING IT. HIS SCENT'S ALL OVER THIS SCENE.

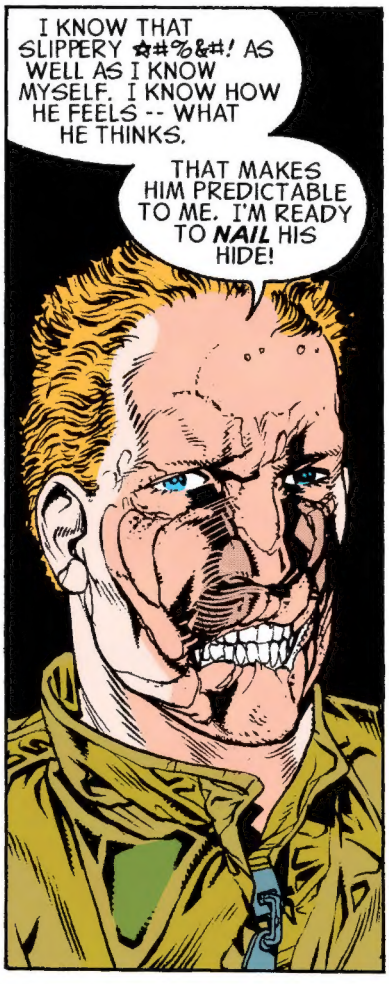
SEEMS TOO FRESH FOR AN EIGHTEEN-HOUR OLD CRIME.
STREET CLEANER PRETTY MUCH WIPED OUT THE TRAIL FROM HERE.
TOUGH TO TRY AND MEMORIZE HIS VEHICLE'S SCENT. BETTER AT ORGANIC SMELLS THAN MECHANICAL ONES.

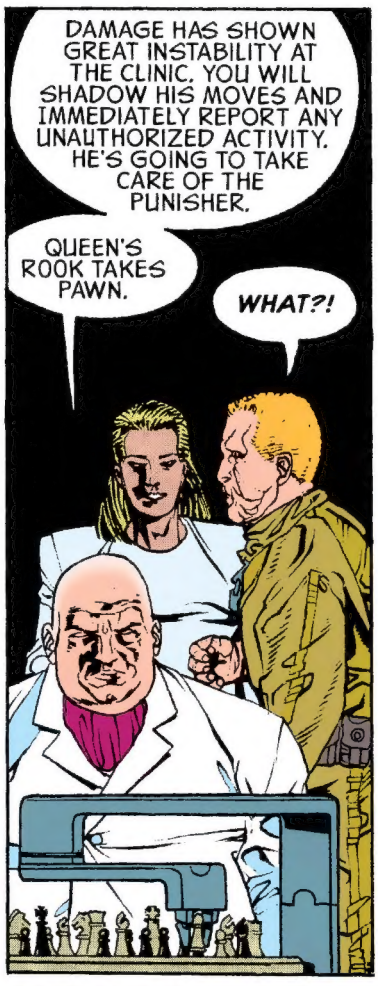
HAVE TO WAIT FOR HIM TO BE SPOTTED AGAIN TO PICK UP THE TRAIL.
THAT'D BETTER BE SOON IF HE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS MESS.

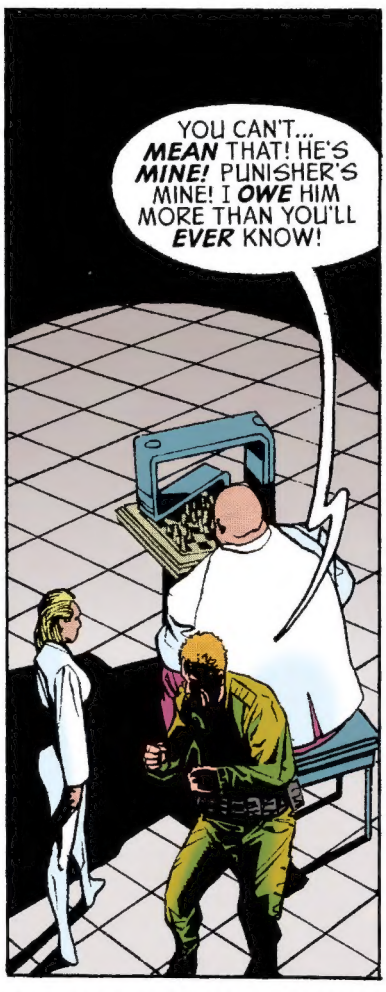

UPTOWN

THIS WAY, SNIPER.
YEAH, I KNOW.
I'M CHARGED UP AND READY TO GO, MISTER FISK.
KING'S KNIGHT TAKES YOUR PAWN.


HEY, I JUST FOUND OUT THAT IT WAS THE PUNISHER I WAS SHOOTIN' AT IN THAT STORM DOWN IN MEXICO!
IF I'D ONLY KNOWN! I WOULD'VE MADE SURE HE WAS DOWN FOR THE COUNT! MY FORMER PLATOON LEADER'S LEFT ME WITH A TON OF SCAR TISSUE.
HMMM. GOOD MOVE.
Thank you, sir.


I KNOW THAT SLIPPERY ✿#%&#! AS WELL AS I KNOW MYSELF. I KNOW HOW HE FEELS -- WHAT HE THINKS.
THAT MAKES HIM PREDICTABLE TO ME. I'M READY TO NAIL HIS HIDE!

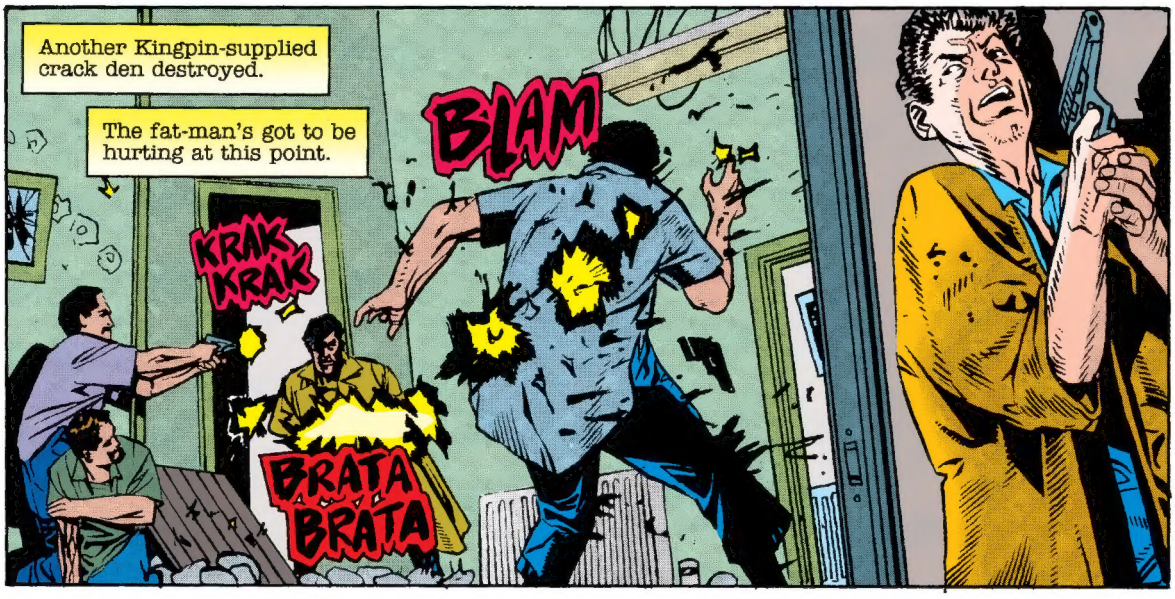

DAMAGE HAS SHOWN GREAT INSTABILITY AT THE CLINIC. YOU WILL SHADOW HIS MOVES AND IMMEDIATELY REPORT ANY UNAUTHORIZED ACTIVITY. HE'S GOING TO TAKE CARE OF THE PUNISHER.
QUEEN'S ROOK TAKES PAWN.
WHAT?!


YOU CAN'T... MEAN THAT! HE'S MINE! PUNISHER'S MINE! I OWE HIM MORE THAN YOU'LL EVER KNOW!

YOU WILL DO NOTHING TO THE PUNISHER OR DAMAGE WITHOUT MY DIRECT ORDER.
I'M GOING TO BREAK THE PUNISHER BEFORE I HAVE HIM PUT OUT OF HIS MISERY.

I TOLERATE NO DISOBE-DIENCE...

...UNDER-STAND?


Another Kingpin-supplied crack den destroyed.
The fat-man's got to be hurting at this point.
BLAM
KRAK KRAK
BRATA BRATA

Planned this to the last detail.
THAK

The legit family that lives upstairs goes to Mass up the street every evening at this time.
BLAM

BRATA BRATA BRATA

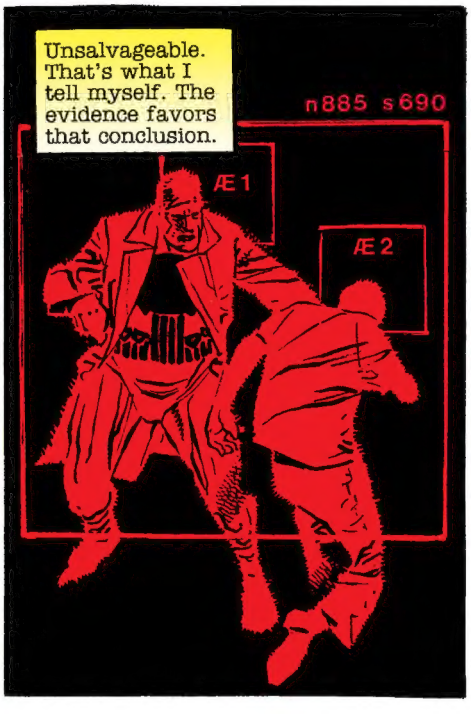
No innocents around.
BRATA BRATA BRATA

Only the guilty.
KBLAM

Only the punished...
BRATA BRATA BRATA

...and those soon to be.

So young and totally unredeemable.
WAK


Unsalvageable. That's what I tell myself. The evidence favors that conclusion.
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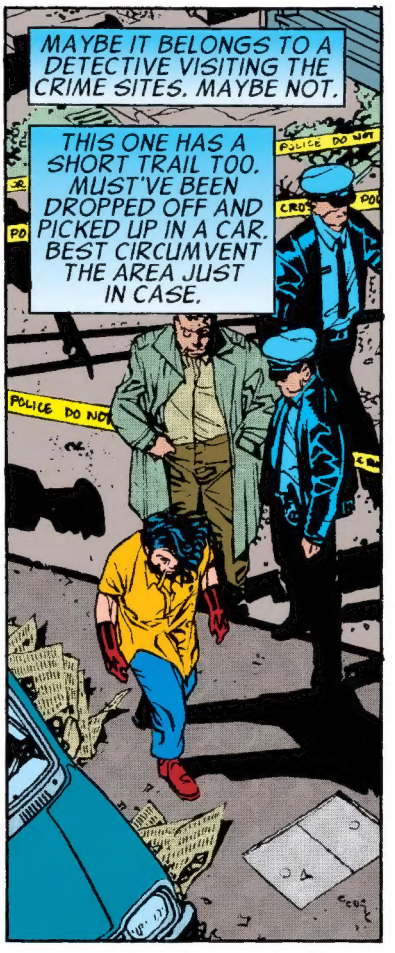
The exceptions so rare as to be virtually non-existent. What if this one would've straightened out?
Starting to think too much.
Did they have children who will miss them -- like the wise guy in Mexico?
Would've been lousy fathers anyway. Stop thinking about it.
A HANDFUL OF HOURS LATER...
...THE TOP STORIES ON THE NEW YORK MIDNIGHT NEWS: THE TRANSIT SYSTEM STRIKE IS AVERTED AT THE LAST MINUTE...
...AND EXCLUSIVE FOOTAGE OF THE PUNISHER'S RAID LAST NIGHT -- A RAID THAT ONCE AGAIN LEFT INNOCENT BYSTANDERS DEAD OR WOUNDED.

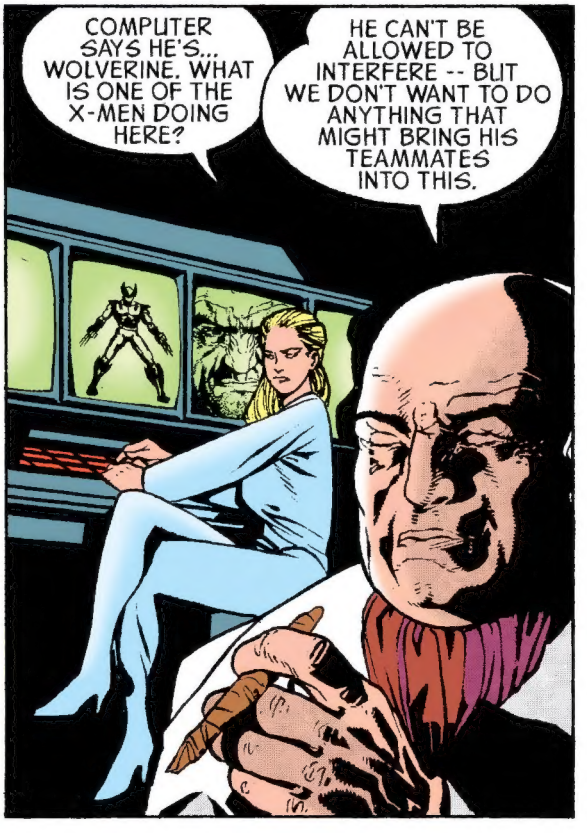
ON AN ANONYMOUS TIP, WE SENT A CAMERA CREW TO THE SCENE LAST NIGHT. WE WERE TOO LATE TO CATCH MOST OF THE ACTION IN THE DOWN-STAIRS CRACK DEN.
BUT WE DID MANAGE TO GET THIS EXCLUSIVE FOOTAGE OF THE PUNISHER GUNNING DOWN WHAT PROVED TO BE AN INNOCENT FAMILY LIVING ON THE SECOND FLOOR.
FUNERAL ARRANGE-MENTS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR THE DAY AFTER TOMORROW...
This is impossible.
Has to be an impostor. Has to be.
But the torn glove, the blood spatter, matches.
Wish Micro wasn't off on a buying trip. Could use his input on this. Have I lost it? Killing people during blackouts?
No. It can't be.
...THE BODIES WILL BE LAID TO REST AT KING'S CEMETERY IN BROOKLYN AFTER A MORNING CEREMONY.
I protect the innocent.
Got to be someone trying to screw with my mind.
Why? How?

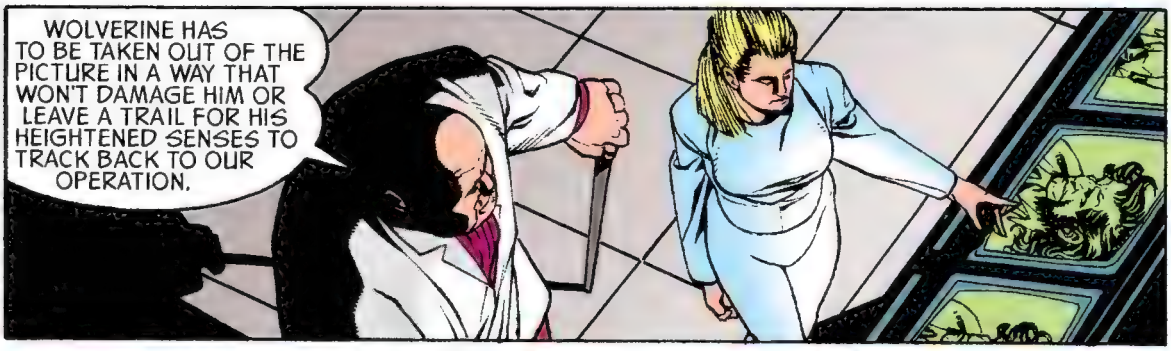
LIKE TO GET CLOSER, BUT I SHOULD BE ABLE TO PICK UP WHAT I NEED FROM HERE.

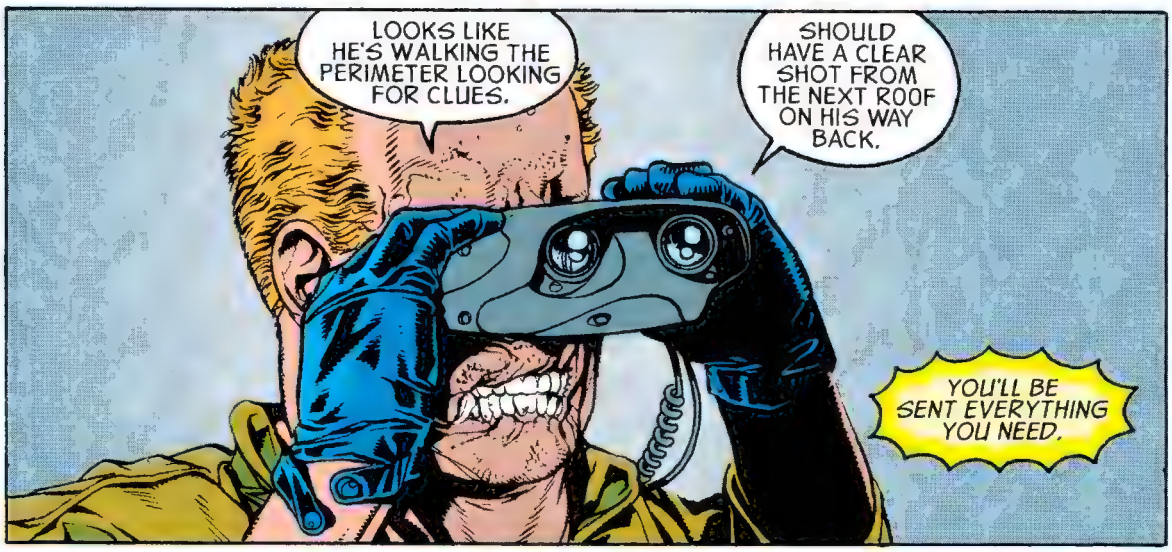
PUNISHER WAS HERE, ALL RIGHT -- HIS SCENT'S ALL OVER THE PLACE. DROVE OFF AGAIN -- NO REAL TRAIL TO FOLLOW.
ANOTHER FAMILIAR SCENT TOO -- ALSO FROM THE SITE OF THE PREVIOUS MASSACRE. ODD SMELL.


MAYBE IT BELONGS TO A DETECTIVE VISITING THE CRIME SITES. MAYBE NOT.
THIS ONE HAS A SHORT TRAIL TOO. MUST'VE BEEN DROPPED OFF AND PICKED UP IN A CAR. BEST CIRCUMVENT THE AREA JUST IN CASE.
POLICE DO NOT

...IT'S A SHORT GUY WHO NEEDS A NEW BARBER, BOSS.
ZOOMING AND TRANSMITTING IMAGE NOW.

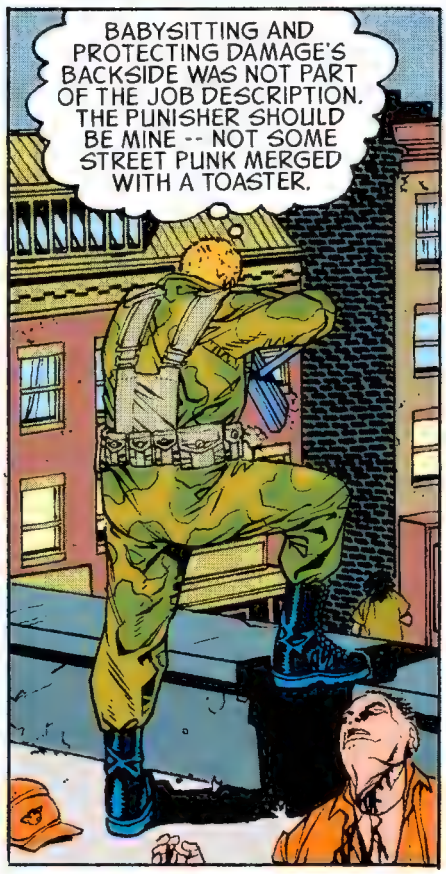

COMPUTER SAYS HE'S... WOLVERINE. WHAT IS ONE OF THE X-MEN DOING HERE?
HE CAN'T BE ALLOWED TO INTERFERE -- BUT WE DON'T WANT TO DO ANYTHING THAT MIGHT BRING HIS TEAMMATES INTO THIS.


WOLVERINE HAS TO BE TAKEN OUT OF THE PICTURE IN A WAY THAT WON'T DAMAGE HIM OR LEAVE A TRAIL FOR HIS HEIGHTENED SENSES TO TRACK BACK TO OUR OPERATION.


LOOKS LIKE HE'S WALKING THE PERIMETER LOOKING FOR CLUES.
SHOULD HAVE A CLEAR SHOT FROM THE NEXT ROOF ON HIS WAY BACK.
YOU'LL BE SENT EVERYTHING YOU NEED.

SOON...
WHAT, NO TIP?

GOT YOUR TIP RIGHT HERE.


BABYSITTING AND PROTECTING DAMAGE'S BACKSIDE WAS NOT PART OF THE JOB DESCRIPTION. THE PUNISHER SHOULD BE MINE -- NOT SOME STREET PUNK MERGED WITH A TOASTER.

"WIND'S GUSTING, TOUGH COMPENSATING FOR SUCH A BIG PROJECTILE."

PFFT
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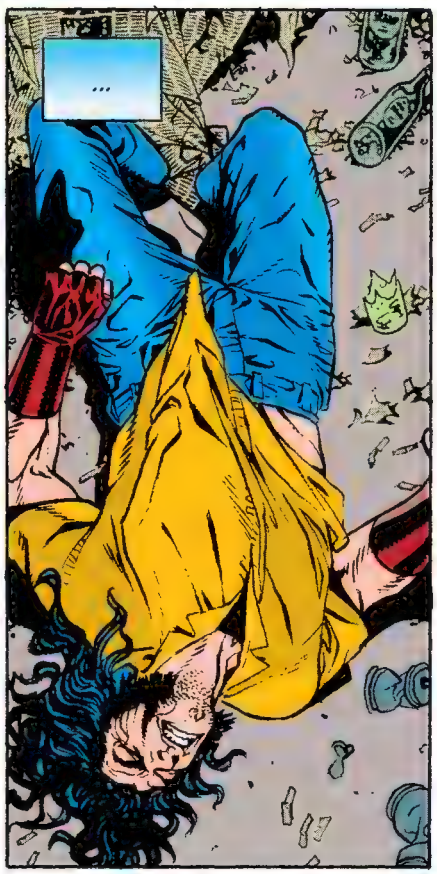
DRUGS.
DART DIDN'T HIT SQUARELY -- ONLY PARTIAL DOSE... GOT...IN.

STILL...SO POWERFUL... CAN'T STAY...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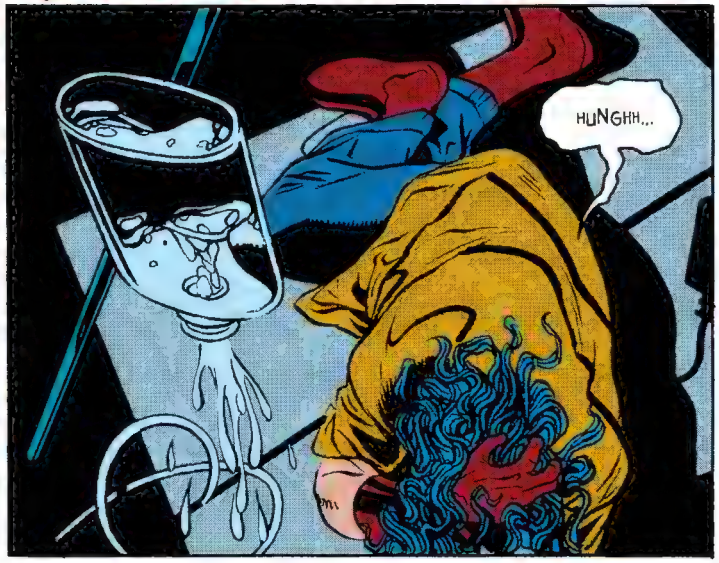
FAT CHEAPSKATE! WHY'D HE SEND ME OLD SPICE?

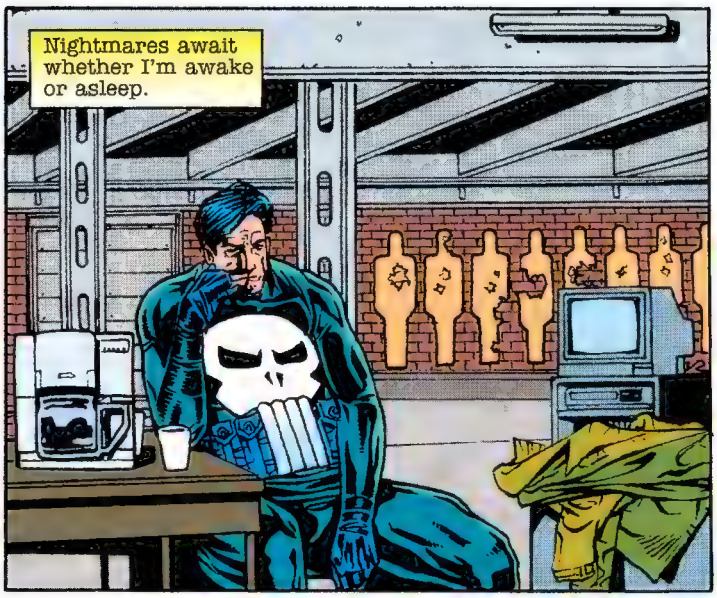
ACTUALLY, IT MAKES SENSE. COVERS MY SMELL WITH A SCENT THAT HALF THE MEN IN THIS CITY WEAR.
LITTLE RUNT IS HEAVIER THAN HE LOOKS!

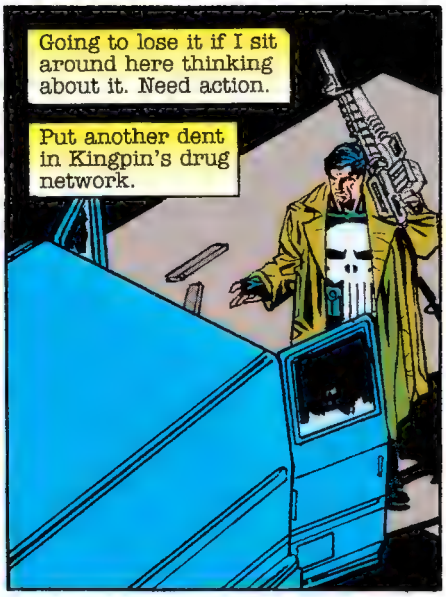
THIS I.V CONSTANTLY DRIPPING A TRANQ INTO YOU WON'T GIVE YOUR HEALING SYSTEM A CHANCE TO SHAKE IT OFF...
...AND THIS VAN'S BEEN SCRUBBED CLEAN OF ANY SCENT THAT CAN LEAD YOU TO US.
I'LL DRIVE YOU TO A DESERTED WAREHOUSE AND LEAVE YOU TO FINISH YOUR NAP.

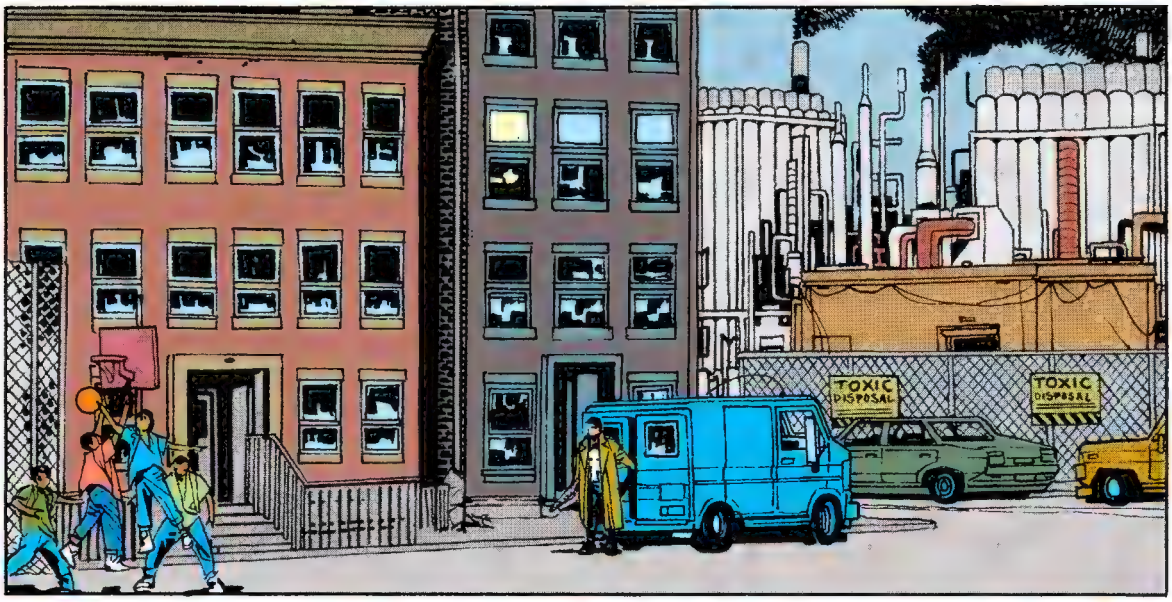
A FEW MINUTES LATER...
AFTER WE'VE FINISHED OUR BUSINESS, YOU'LL WAKE UP WITHOUT A CLUE TO WHO IT WAS THAT TOOK YOU OUT OF THE GAME!

BYE!
SLAM


HUNGHH...


Nightmares await whether I'm awake or asleep.


Going to lose it if I sit around here thinking about it. Need action.
Put another dent in Kingpin's drug network.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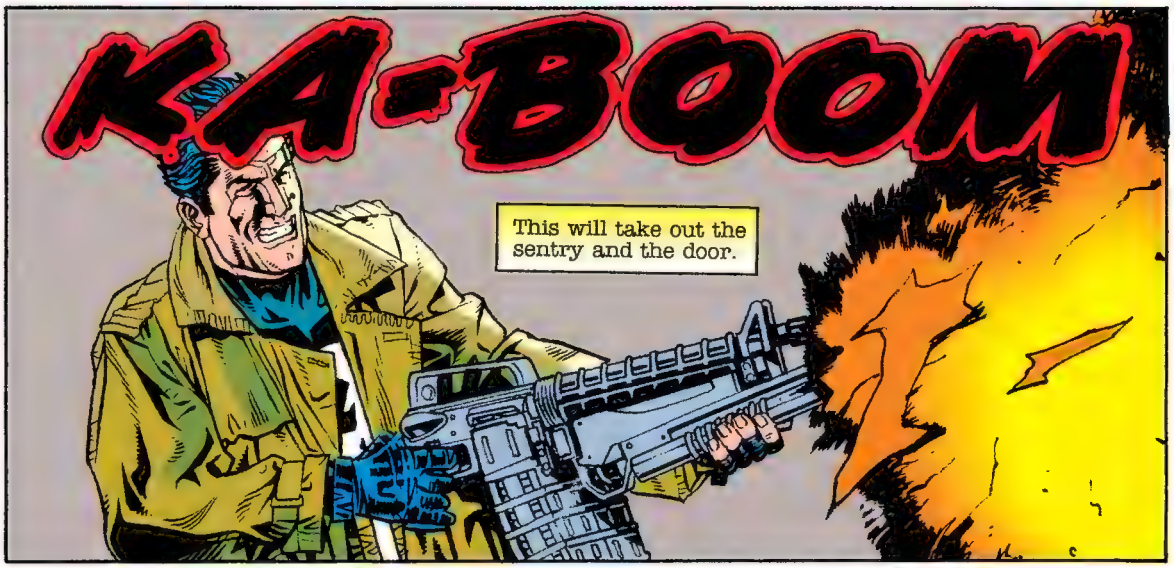
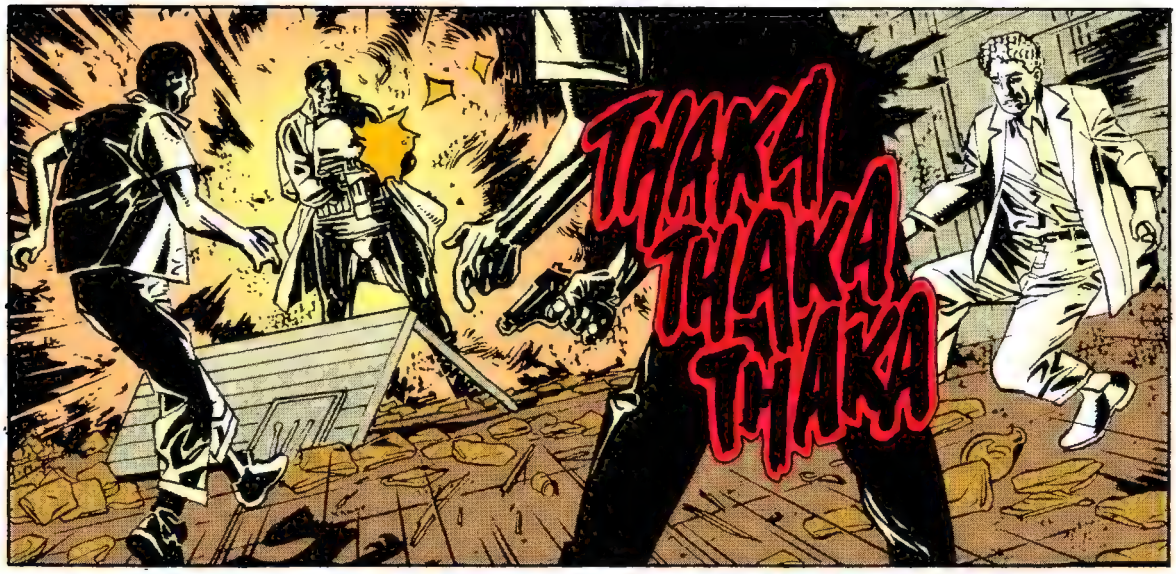

KA-BOOM
This will take out the sentry and the door.

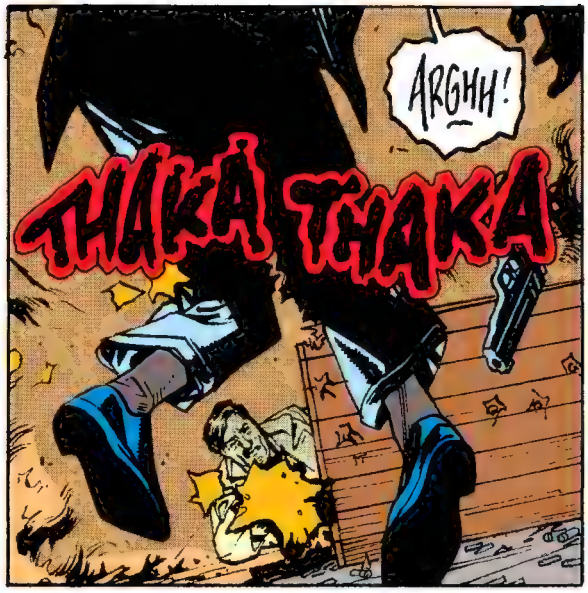

THAKA
THAKA
THAKA

KRESH

AIEEE!
THAKA
THAK

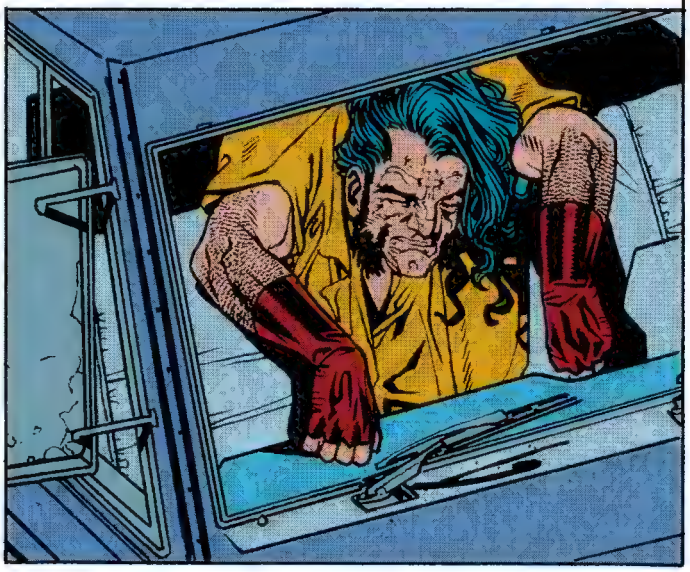
KRAK
KRAK

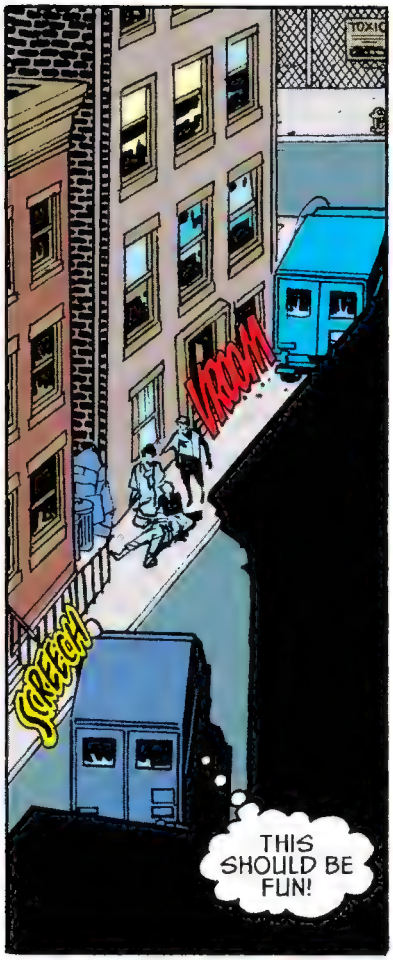
KRESHH
$#*%. His slugs are flying into the street.


ARGHH!
THAKA THAKA

Let him live. That'll hurt him for the rest of his miserable life.
AIEEE!

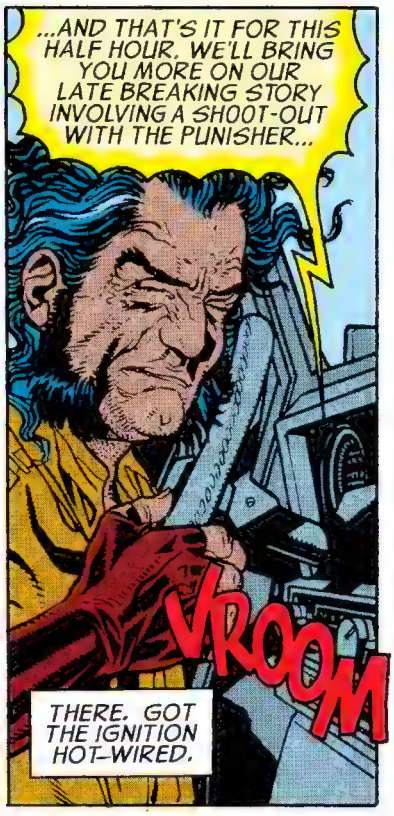
No.
This isn't happening.
JOHN! OH MY GOD! JOHN! HE'S DEAD!



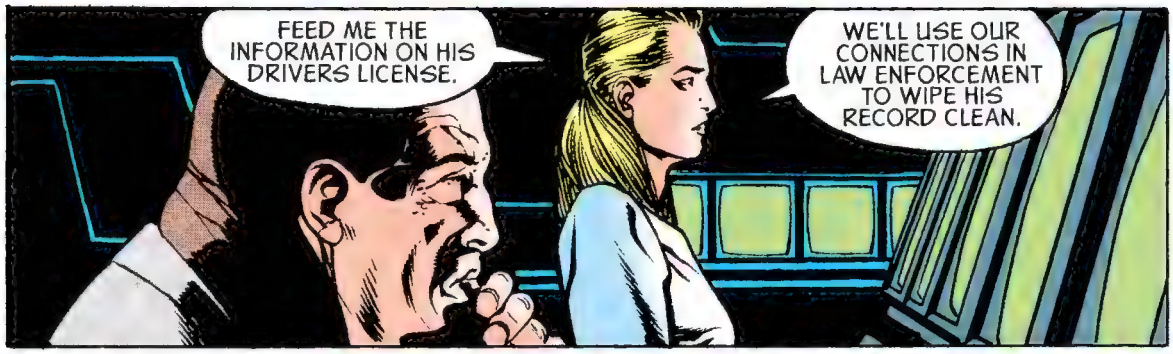

TOXIC
VROOM
SCREECH
THIS SHOULD BE FUN!

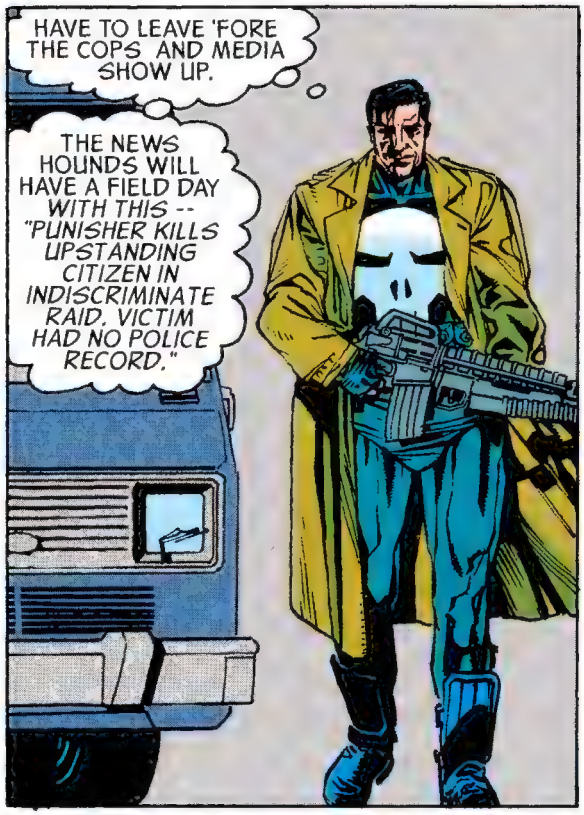
NOW TO DO SOME DAMAGE!
NO ONE GETS OUT ALIVE!

THAKATHAKATHAK


...AND THAT'S IT FOR THIS HALF HOUR. WE'LL BRING YOU MORE ON OUR LATE BREAKING STORY INVOLVING A SHOOT-OUT WITH THE PUNISHER...
VROOM
THERE. GOT THE IGNITION HOT-WIRED.

GOT ONE. THAT SHOULD DO THE TRICK -- IVY LEAGUE BOY.

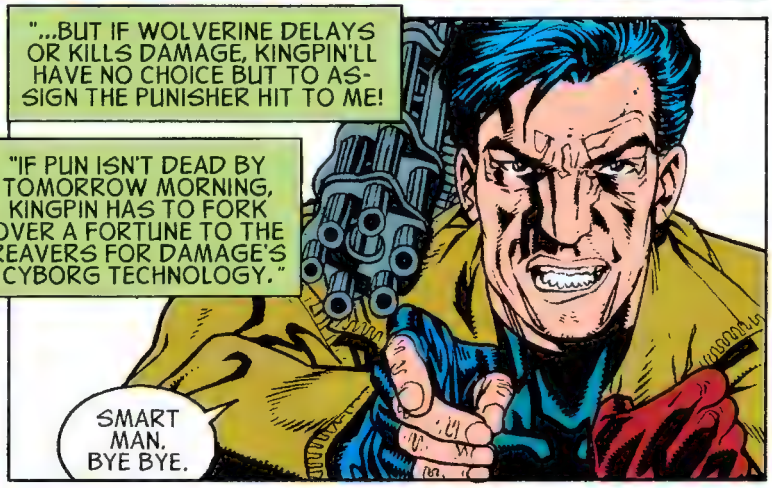

FEED ME THE INFORMATION ON HIS DRIVERS LICENSE.
WE'LL USE OUR CONNECTIONS IN LAW ENFORCEMENT TO WIPE HIS RECORD CLEAN.

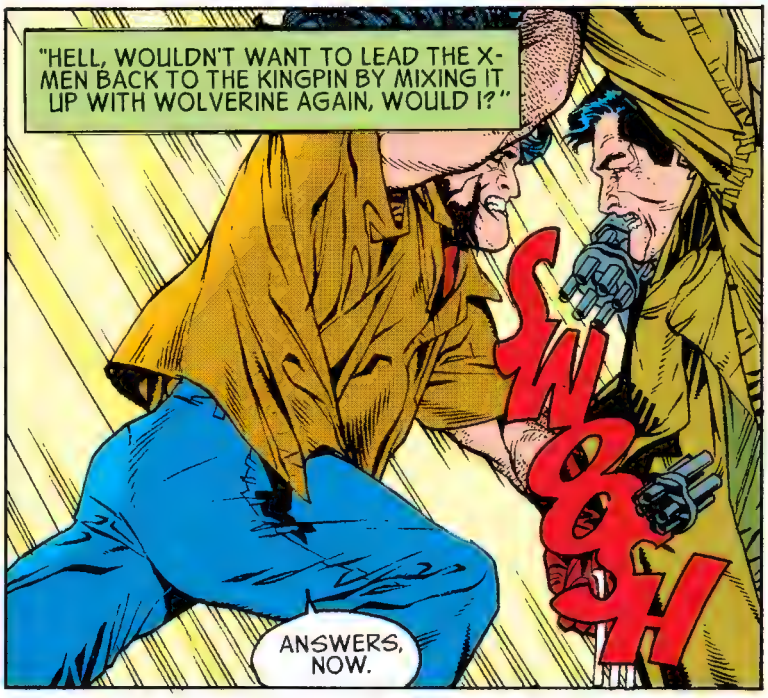

HAVE TO LEAVE 'FORE THE COPS AND MEDIA SHOW UP.
THE NEWS HOUNDS WILL HAVE A FIELD DAY WITH THIS -- "PUNISHER KILLS UPSTANDING CITIZEN IN INDISCRIMINATE RAID. VICTIM HAD NO POLICE RECORD."

HUH?
OKAY, BUB -- YOUR STINK'S ALL OVER THIS CRIME...

...YOU AIN'T NO COP LOOKING FOR CLUES AND YOU SURE AIN'T THE PUNISHER.
SNIKT
WRR

I SHOULD CALL THIS WRINKLE IN...


"...BUT IF WOLVERINE DELAYS OR KILLS DAMAGE, KINGPIN'LL HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO ASSIGN THE PUNISHER HIT TO ME!
"IF PUN ISN'T DEAD BY TOMORROW MORNING, KINGPIN HAS TO FORK OVER A FORTUNE TO THE REAVERS FOR DAMAGE'S CYBORG TECHNOLOGY."
SMART MAN. BYE BYE.


"HELL, WOULDN'T WANT TO LEAD THE X-MEN BACK TO THE KINGPIN BY MIXING IT UP WITH WOLVERINE AGAIN, WOULD I?"
SWOOSH
ANSWERS, NOW.

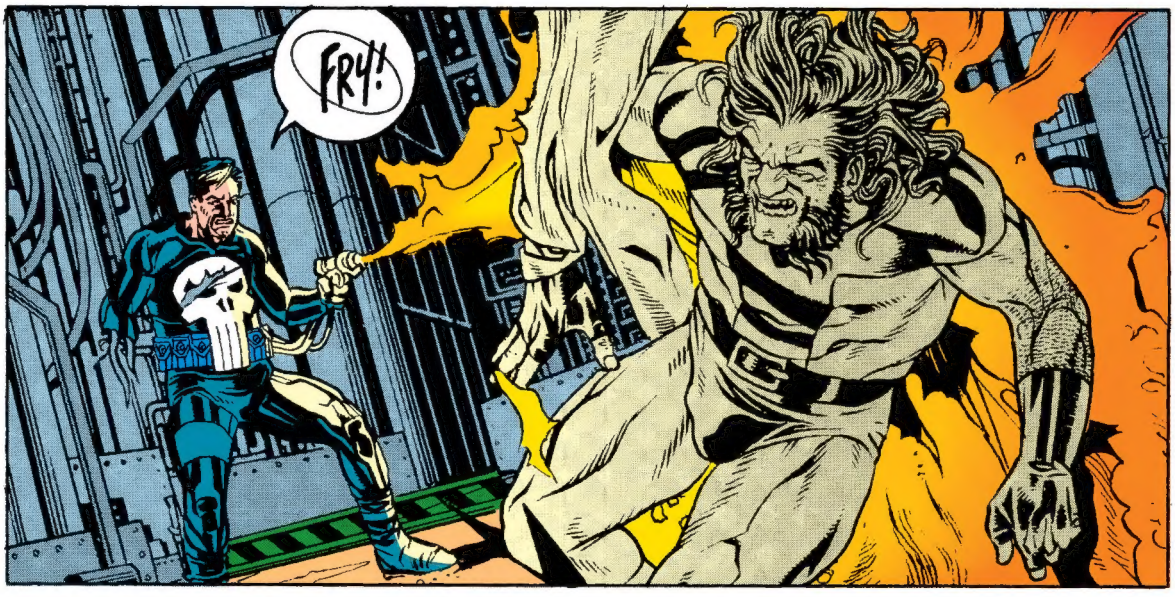
DON'T KNOW WHO YOU ARE, BUT...
KRAK
HUNGH!
"WHILE THESE TWO DANCE, I'LL LOOK UP MY OLD LIEUTENANT. I THINK I KNOW RIGHT WHERE HE'LL BE."
WUMP

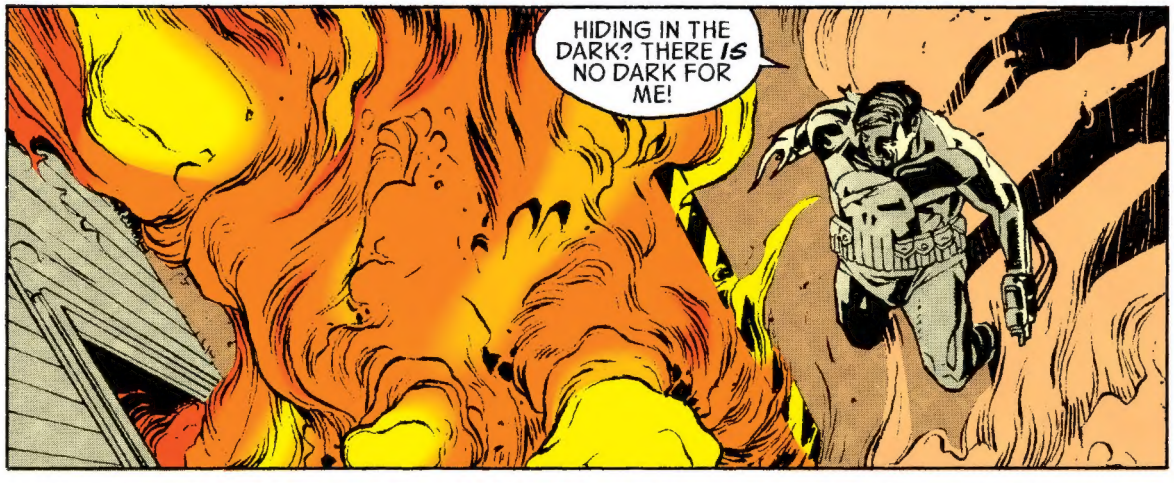
I'M ALWAYS HAPPY TO BLOW AWAY A DO-GOODER!
CHUK

TOUGH BUG, EH?
THUNK

IT'LL BE FUN SQUASHIN' YOU.
DO NOT ENTER. NO DANGEROUS SUBST
TOXIC CHEMICALS

?!
KAENCH
YOU ☆#%☆#%!
WHRR
GRARRR!
FRY!
WOOSH





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Be here in thirty days for the INCENDIARY CONCLUSION!

BE HERE NEXT MONTH FOR THE UNEXPECTED CONCLUSION TO
DAMAGING EVIDENCE.